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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: MARR, KS, US, NATO

SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL STATEMENT ON DEPLOYMENT OF TROOPS
WITHDRAWN FROM KOREA

REF: STATE 10717 (NOTAL)

1. JANUARY 13 PRESIDENTIAL MEETING WITH NON-WASHINGTON
NEWS EDITORS AND NEWS DIRECTORS INCLUDED FOLLOWING EXCHANGE
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ON THE FUTURE USE OF TROOPS TO BE WITHDRAWN FROM SOUTH
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DO YOU INTEND TO USE THE TROOPS LEAVING SOUTH KOREA TO MEET

THE PLEDGE YOU MADE TO THE NATO NATIONS?

THE PRESIDENT: YES. THOSE TROOPS WILL PROBABLY COME BACK TO OUR COUNTRY TO A STAGING AREA. WE WILL INCREASE IN THE NATO AREA OUR TROOP PLACEMENT IN THIS 18-MONTH PERIOD, ABOUT 8,000. WE NOW HAVE ABOUT 210,000, ROUGHLY, SOLDIERS IN EUROPE, AND ROUGHLY 300,000 IN ALL, INCLUDING THE AIR FORCE AND THE NAVY, PLUS ANOTHER 50,000 APPROXIMATELY IN SHIPS, AROUND THE EUROPEAN THEATER.

BUT WE ARE TRYING, ALSO, AT THE SAME TIME, TO MAKE A MORE EFFICIENT USE OF OUR MONEY. WE WILL REDUCE SUBSTANTIALLY THE PROJECTED DEFENSE EXPENDITURES BELOW WHAT PRESIDENT FORD HAD PROJECTED FOR 1979. BUT AT THE SAME TIME, WE WILL HAVE A REAL GROWTH OF THE INFLATION RATE OF ABOUT 3 PERCENT IN OUTLAYS OR EXPENDITURES THIS COMING FISCAL YEAR.

WE ARE TRYING TO CUT DOWN WASTE, AND WE ARE TRYING TO ORIENT OUR FORCES WHERE THEY ARE MOST NEEDED. END TEXT

2. THE WHITE HOUSE SPOKESMAN WILL MAKE THE FOLLOWING CLARIFYING STATEMENT JANUARY 16: BEGIN TEXT: THE PRESIDENT DID NOT MEAN TO IMPLY THAT ELEMENTS OF THE SECOND DIVISION WILL BE SENT TO NATO. ANY INCREASES IN OUR NATO FORCES WILL COME FROM ELSEWHERE.
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TO ALL EAST ASIAN AND PACIFIC DIPLOMATIC POSTS

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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM SECSTATE WASHDC DATED JANUARY 16,
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